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MISSION STATEMENT

“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Mike Rice, Chair/ Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Members Present

Adler, Fred – District Three
Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross (Alt)
Broyles, R.N., Linda – Co. Paramedics Agencies Committee
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of S.D./Imperial Counties
Demers, CDR Gerard – Military Agencies
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District two
Rand, Mike – Law Enforcement Agencies (Alt)
Rice, Mike – Ambulance Association of San Diego
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Rothlein, Lt. Jason – Law Enforcement Agencies

Vacant Positions

League of California Cities
San Diego County Fire Districts Association
San Diego County Medical Society
San Diego Emergency Physicians' Society

In Attendance

Forman, Kelly – Mercy Air
Hoang, Matt – American Medical
Response
Innis, Steve – First Choice
Ambulance
Nichols, Mardi – Base Hospital Nurse
Coordinators
Pierce, Jodie – San Diego Fire
Department

County Staff

Ameng, Diane
Conte, Meredith
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, Marcy
Smith, Susan

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Rice, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

There was a moment of silence for Sandy Parsons, Prehospital Secretary at Grossmont Hospital, who had passed away.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Broyles, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the EMCC minutes from October 24, 2013. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Meredith Conte

The following policies were reviewed by the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting on November 14, 2013 and forwarded to the full EMCC for review and approval.

1. S-029, Stroke Advisory Committee (SAC)

The SAC policy is based on the Cardiovascular Advisory Committee (CAC) and provides consultation and medical direction.

Suggested changes to S-029 were: description of *The Scope* adding *may include but not limited to*, and removing quotation marks from *advisory nature* and *simple majority*.

A motion was made by Linda Rosenberg, seconded by Christine Wells to approve S-029. Motion carried.

2. P-303, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse - Authorization/Reauthorization

Changes were to the authorization period and Certification by Challenge.

A motion was made by Christine Wells, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve S-303. Motion carried.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee

There was no report.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson

1. The November 21, 2013, California Statewide Medical Healthcare Disaster Exercise drill centered on a food borne illness scenario. Communication and HPP partnership project/satellite phone testing was practiced. The EMS Department Operations Center known locally as the Medical Operations Center (MOC) was activated.

Comments on the exercise:

- Knowledge of WebEOC and participants that use it only during practice.
- Sheriff's involvement with the illness scenario affected the correctional facilities, both employees and staffing. It showed the importance of working with the medical staff and becoming familiar with medical terms used.

V. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE – Marcy Metz

Two pilot projects were submitted from San Diego County:

1. Carlsbad Fire Department pilot project – alternate care destination with Kaiser patients.
2. City of San Diego pilot project - enhancement of their Resource Access Program (E-RAP) frequent 9-1-1 users.

The City of Carlsbad and City of San Diego projects were provisionally approved by the State EMS Authority and will be included in the application by the Office of Statewide Health Planning (OSHPD).

There is a requirement to set up a local prehospital steering committee for each pilot program. It was suggested to reconvene the EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee to serve as the Community Paramedicine Advisory Committee. The committee will have community involvement and partnership with hospitals, clinics and agency providers. EMCC organizations representatives that are currently members of the EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee are:

- San Diego County Ambulance Association
- District 1 Representative
- District 5 Representative
- Fire Chiefs Association
- Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator

The benefit of having the advisory committee part of EMCC is that the agenda is posted so members of the community can attend, and the full EMCC would receive the subcommittee reports.

Linda Rosenberg added that the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) supports the concept and would like to attend the EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee meeting.

Steve Innis, First Choice Ambulance, has attended seminars regarding the Community Paramedicine program and has had discussion with other private providers in the country who currently have the program. Mr. Innis would also like to attend the subcommittee meetings.

EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled after the first of the year.

VI. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT (Dr. Haynes)

A. PulsePoint communication.

This is an application for Smart Phones that can help someone who is having a sudden cardiac arrest. Users that have had CPR training register through the app on their Smart phone. The app will then notify the user if someone nearby is having cardiac arrest. It gives directions to the app user as well as giving information regarding nearby defibrillators.

Los Angeles Fire, San Diego Fire and North County Fire are interested in the application. County Board of Supervisors indicated support during the last Board of Supervisor's meeting on December 3, 2013. Information on the application can be found at pulsepoint.org.

B. In some areas, law enforcement personnel have been taught to use naloxone for reversal for narcotic over doses. There is some interest in having a small trial in the East County through EMS.

C. The Stroke, STEMI and Emergency Medicine for Children (EMS-C) regulations are at the state and may be out in January.

D. First aid standards for CPR that govern public safety personnel who are not EMT's are reviewed every three (3) years by the EMS Authority. There may be some additions to the CPR standards.

E. Not many cases of the flu have been reported. If you have not received your flu vaccination, it is recommended. The Healthcare Capacity Plan has been reviewed for this year and should be out in the next two weeks.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT - Marcy Metz

A. EMS new staff introductions:

1. Diane Ameng, EMS Quality Assurance Specialist working with EMS Prehospital.

2. Gerardo Galano, Public Health Nurse, who will be working with the EMS Disaster Division.

B. The third annual *Sidewalk CPR Day* is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2014.

C. Request for Proposals (RFP's)

1. The CSA-17 contract was awarded to AMR and will start service in County Service Area-17 starting January 1, 2014.
2. At the Board of Supervisor meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2013, procurement for Zone 2 was approved.
3. Contract awards for the Julian/Cuyamaca and Ocotillo Wells are in process.

D. EMS Commission follow-up:

1. The Health Information Exchange (HIE) Summit met in Los Angeles with healthcare partners to identify best practices.
2. EMS Authority received a grant for Core Measures. The Healthcare Foundation Grant is for three (3) years. Communication was sent out to prehospital agencies requiring 2013 data element collection that EMS does not collect. The data will be needed four (4) weeks prior to the due date for EMS to aggregate the information and send it to the State. EMSA expects to receive the data by March 31, 2014.

3. Offload Delays

Offload Delays are a standard agenda item for the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee. The offload delay workgroup is now officially called the Ambulance Patient Offload Delay Workgroup. There are three subcommittees of the workgroup to establish definitions Statewide: Metrics, Legislation and Regulations.

One-third (1/3) of Local EMS Agencies (LEMSA's) throughout the State have issues with wall time. Ms. Metz thanked the agencies and hospitals in San Diego County for their collaboration in keeping offload delays to a minimum.

E. The EMSAAC Conference for 2014 will be May 28, and 29, 2014 at Loews Coronado Bay Resort in San Diego. The theme of the conference is *EMS Adapting to Sea-Change*.

VIII. ELECTION OF EMCC CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Nominations:

1. Linda Broyles nominated Mike Rice for Chairperson, seconded by Linda Rosenberg.

2. Mike Rice nominated Linda Rosenberg for Vice-Chair, seconded by Christine Wells.

Nomination and motion was made for Mike Rice as 2014 EMCC Chair and for Linda Rosenberg as EMCC Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

Mike Rice is confirmed as EMCC Chair and Linda Rosenberg is confirmed as EMCC Vice-Chair for 2014.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next EMCC meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2014.
The meeting adjourned at 9:39 am.

Submitted by
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